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The Menard County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, **August 10, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. at the Menard County Courthouse, 102 S. Seventh Street, Petersburg, Illinois. Commissioners Bob Lott, Jeff Fore, Troy Cummings, and Rich Brauer were physically present. A quorum was present. County Clerk Martha Gum, State’s Attorney Gabe Grosboll, County Coordinator Dara Worthington, and Sheriff Mark Oller were also present. Commissioner Ed Whitcomb and County Treasurer Pam Bauser were absent.

Chairperson Bob Lott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Brauer moved to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2021 regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ‘ayes’, no ‘nays’ and one absent.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Guests

Brian Satorius, Menard County Farm Bureau President, was in attendance and updated the Board on the newly hired manager, Jason Weller, replacing Ashley Beutke. He also touched upon upcoming activities.

City of Athens Mayor Chris Reichart and Village of Greenview President Kevin Curry were in attendance to present requests for assistance of funding for municipal projects through ARPA funds received by the county.

Village of Greenview President, Kevin Curry, discussed a new sewer system for which they are pursuing funding.

City of Athens Mayor, Chris Reichart, discussed proposed projects for which they are also pursuing ARPA funds. The city is in need of two new wells and is interested in being able to resurfacing and maintain their own streets.

Coordinator Worthington gave a brief overview of the process to follow for consideration of funding, indicating that the Menard County Treasurer, Pam Bauser, is in charge of those funds.

Highway Department’s Report/Requests for Board Action

County Highway Engineer Corey Dowd was in attendance and presented information on proposed specs for a new departmental tandem truck. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the tandem truck specs as presented. Mr. Dowd also gave updates on projects that are happening within the County.

Sheriff's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Sheriff Mark Oller was in attendance to provide updates on his department. Sheriff Oller reported that the current jail census was at seventeen total inmates. He also discussed personnel changes happening within the department. Sheriff Oller presented information on an allowance for military service credit for the County's retirement (IMRF) via a resolution. A brief discussion ensued with it being the consensus of the commissioners to move forward with the resolution at the next meeting.

County Clerk's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Clerk Gum had nothing to report.

State's Attorney Report/Requests for Board Action

State's Attorney Grosboll updated the Board on his office activities.

County Coordinator's Report/Requests for Board Action

County Coordinator Dara Worthington was in attendance and presented information on County property behind the medical center being surveyed and split. A brief discussion ensued.

Coordinator Worthington also requested Executive Session minutes from July 28, 2020 be opened. Commissioner Cummings moved to approve the request. Commissioner Fore seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

She also touched on items that included: payment of the FY21 fourth and final installment to the Regional Office of Education, budget worksheets going out to department heads by September 1st, the complete transition of courthouse phones and internet, upcoming conferences, as well as GATA (Grant Accountability and Transparency Act) reporting.

Individual Board Members - Report/Requests for Board Action

Commissioner Fore updated the Board on the pavilion status at Sunny Acres.

Commissioner Cummings touched on the funding requests for cities and villages, and mentioned Sunny Acres. A brief discussion ensued.

Resolution #33-21 – Menard County Fair Proclamation recognizing and honoring all efforts in the success of the event. Commissioner Fore moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent. This shall be known as **Resolution. #33-21**.

Tabled – Approval of Sunny Acres Nursing Home/Countryside Estates Employee COVID19 Vaccine Policy.

Executive Session

Commissioner Cummings moved to enter into executive session to discuss items as allowed by (5 ILCS 120/2)(C)(11) at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the Board, Commissioner Fore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Commissioner Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried with four 'ayes', no 'nays' and one absent.